

CITY OF LONG BEACH
COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN
MINUTES
April 28th, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER

Pierre Batton, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children to order at 5:05 p.m., in the large conference room at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Senior Center. Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

Present:

Pierre Batton, Vice-Chair
Sotheara Chhay
Kate Levinstein
Jon Meyer
Lauren Perry
Alexis Peterson

Marc Rothenberg
Mary Soth
Chanel Suares
Chelsii Summerville
Jennifer To
Christopher Young

Absent:

Elijah Bowdre, Excused
Gregory Corbin, Excused
Dara Din, Excused
Jeanetta McAlpin
Jessica Quintana, Excused
Rebecca Turrentine, Chair, Excused

Staff:

Cynthia Fogg, Superintendent, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Andrew Romero, Youth Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Carmina Gonzalez, Clerk, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Phil T. Hester, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (Excused)

Guests:

Patrick Rodriguez, Congressional Aide to Linda T. Sanchez, Member of Congress
Yolie Flores Aguilar, Executive Director, Los Angeles Children's Planning Council

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Soth and seconded by Commissioner Rothenberg to approve the March 24th, 2004 Commission on Youth and Children minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS (PUBLIC)

There were no public comments.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

Identification Cards and Form 700 Update:

Cynthia Fogg stated that the Form 700 was due last month and for those who have not submitted it to please do so as soon as possible. She also stated that if there is any commissioner who has not received their ID, let staff know and they will assist in expediting the process.

Youth Services WEBSITE www.longbeachyouth.org:

Ms. Fogg stated that pictures of the commissioners are now uploaded on the site along with agendas.

CYC Status Report:

- Action # 04-08, Budget Presentation

Ms. Fogg stated that staff has asked the City Manager's office to hold off on this presentation until the May 26th CYC meeting so that the Chair can be present for this report, and also so that the City Manager's office can hear the report from the County on the State budget impact.

Youth Services NETWORK activities:

April Meeting

Ms. Fogg stated that the April Youth Services NETWORK meeting held on the 20th focused on Mental Health and Self Injury. She stated that this topic was chosen because it was reported to the NETWORK that there has been a sharp increase in "cutting" among Long Beach students.

After School Advocacy Partnership (ASAP) – 21st CCLC Advocacy

Ms. Fogg stated that ASAP met on the 22nd, discussed the 21st CCLC grant application, and reviewed the advocacy trip that was taken on the 1st. She stated that she and Carl Kemp from the City Manager's office as well as Vice Mayor Frank Colonna, Mary Stanton, Vice-Chair of the Board of Education, and LBUSD's Government Relations Person Andrea Ball all went to Sacramento to visit the legislators and ask them to fund Long Beach. She stated that the grantee announcements will be made on May 5th.

Long Beach Youth Fund—Update

Ms. Fogg stated that this topic will be addressed later on the agenda.

Youth Gang & Violence Task Force Process Update:

Ms. Fogg stated that the 40-member task force has been identified and letters have gone out. She stated that the meeting will be on May 10th and Commissioner Rothenberg will report back to the CYC on that meeting.

Children's Day

Ms. Fogg announced that all CYC commissioners are invited to attend the Children's Day event to represent the CYC, and flyers are available. She stated that because it is being held in the 5th District, Commissioners Soth, Rothenberg and Peterson should coordinate with staff if they attend.

Youth Council Institute Workshop

Ms. Fogg announced that there will be a workshop on Involving Youth in Organizational Planning, Policy, and Decision-Making on June 3rd in Orange County and she is extending the invitation to the youth on the CYC to attend. A sign-up sheet was passed out.

Video — “At the Table”:

Ms. Fogg stated that this video discusses youth and adult relationships and why we’re all at the table together. The video was viewed.

V. REPORTS

a. Committees

i. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Soares reported the Executive Committee met on the 6th, reviewed the draft agenda for April, and discussed how the CYC Executive Committee can act as liaison to the Mayor and City Council. She stated a letter to the Mayor and City Council was drafted and it is the staff recommendation to approve the draft and authorize staff to submit the letter to Mayor and City Council.

It was moved by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Rothenberg to approve the letter and authorize staff to submit the letter to the Mayor and City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

ii. SCORECARD COMMITTEE

Commissioner Peterson reported the committee met on April 7th. Cathy Cohen, assistant to President Maxson, spoke with Cynthia Fogg about the scorecard project and stated that the Sociology Department would be assisting in this project through their Urban Research Center. Commissioner Peterson stated that Commissioner Turrentine scheduled a meeting with Philadelphia Safe and Sound. Cynthia Fogg stated that they have been producing a children’s scorecard as well as an accompanying state children’s budget, and she was pleased that Commissioner Turrentine took the time out from her personal vacation to meet with them. Ms. Fogg stated she heard back from Commissioner Turrentine and she said it was a great meeting and they are willing to help the CYC as well as allow us to use their name (Safe and Sound).

b. Standing Items

i. Education and Youth Strategic Plan
No comments.

ii. District Level Youth Advisory Council—Meeting Schedule and Report

Commissioner Suares reported on the April District 3 DLYAC meeting where they viewed the video "Listen to our Youth" and received a positive response. She stated they introduced a new member and discussed how to increase participation as well as keeping their eyes open on new issues to bring to the table. She also stated they touched on the issue of obesity and eating disorders and will discuss it in more detail at their next meeting. Andrew Romero stated Commissioner Kemp-Bowdre was at the District 9 DLYAC meeting, the majority of time was spent on a survey that the 9th District is drafting to see what interests and motivates the youth in their district. He stated they are modifying that survey and will be sharing it with the CYC and perhaps the other DLYAC's to get feedback. Mr. Romero stated the 7th and 1st DLYAC were cancelled and he distributed the updated schedule. Cynthia Fogg asked Commissioner Meyer if it is possible to advertise at the schools for membership in the DLYAC. Commissioner Meyer stated that should be Ok. Commissioner Soth stated that the 5th district is not yet organized, and Cynthia Fogg suggested that the Commissioners who reside in that district call their councilmember. Commissioner Soth stated she would make the call.

iii. Youth and Gang Violence Task Force

Cynthia Fogg stated there will not be a report until after the first meeting on May 10th, when Commissioner's Rothenberg and Kemp-Bowdre will attend and report back to the CYC.

c. Requested Reports

- i. Patrick Rodriguez from the office of Congresswoman Linda Sanchez distributed a pamphlet and reported on the *Bullying Prevention and Crime Reduction and Prevention Act*, and announced an associated local event scheduled for June 12, 2004. It was the staff recommendation to receive and file the report and request that staff draft a letter reflecting the CYC's position regarding the legislation to Mayor and City Council and consider the CYC's involvement in the June event.

It was moved by Commissioner Suares to receive and file the report and request that staff draft a letter reflecting the CYC's position regarding the legislation to Mayor and City Council and consider the CYC's involvement in the June event. It was moved by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Soth to only receive and file the report and to have Patrick Rodriguez bring back further details about the legislation. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Suares withdrew her original motion.

- ii. Yolie Flores Aguilar, Executive Director of Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council, gave a presentation of the report called "Keep your Promise to Children" by the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council on the impacts of the proposed State budget on children, youth and their families in Los Angeles County. It was the staff recommendation to receive and file the

report and request it be forwarded to the Mayor and City Council regarding the state budget proposals impact on children.

It was moved by Commissioner Soth and seconded by Commissioner Rothenberg to receive and file the report called "Keep your Promise to Children" and request it be forwarded to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager including recommendations to the State budget impact on youth. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Incoming

Cynthia Fogg stated a copy of the letter dated March 30, 2004, from Robert Maxson to Commissioner Corbin, Chair of the Scorecard Committee, is included in the agenda packet for review and file.

b. Outgoing

Ms. Fogg referred to a copy of the Draft Letter to Mayor and City Council regarding the Internship program through the Workforce Development Board Youth Opportunity Center. It was the staff recommendation that the CYC authorize staff to submit the letter to Mayor and City Council.

It was moved by Commissioner Soth and seconded by Commissioner Meyer to authorize staff to submit the letter to Mayor and City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

4-09 Long Beach Youth Fund

Cynthia Fogg referred to the report in the agenda packet addressing this item. She stated the Long Beach Youth Fund is being operated on the local level through Youth Services and it is the staff recommendation to authorize the CYC to act as the advisory board to the Long Beach Youth Fund contingent upon continued funding. The advisory responsibilities would be to facilitate board membership, approve annual RFP, and have representation at the awards dinner.

It was moved by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner To to authorize the CYC to act as the advisory board to the Long Beach Youth Fund contingent upon continued funding. The motion carried unanimously.

**04-10 Recognition of contributions on behalf of youth and children, in
Accordance with Resolution #C28279**

Cynthia Fogg stated that the resolution #C28279, which instituted the CYC, calls for an award recognizing someone who has made outstanding contributions on behalf of youth and children. It is the staff recommendation to authorize the Youth Services NETWORK, Executive Planning Committee to develop criteria for such an award and develop a nomination and selection process for consideration and approval by CYC.

It was moved by Commissioner Rothenberg and seconded by Commissioner Soth to authorize the Youth Services NETWORK, Executive Planning Committee to develop criteria and a nomination and selection process recognizing someone who has made outstanding contributions on behalf of youth and children with consideration and approval by CYC. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. COMMENTS

Yolie Flores Aguilar announced that she would like to invite the CYC (especially a youth member) to the release of the youth engagement call to action report on June 29th at the Disney Hall. She stated she will send more detailed information to Cynthia Fogg. Cynthia suggested that this be an item for discussion at the May CYC meeting.

• STAFF

Cynthia Fogg stated that she is very interested in hearing about the County Probation Office cuts and suggested the Executive Committee discuss having this as an item at a future CYC meeting. Commissioner Rothenberg volunteered to help find someone to come and speak on this topic.

• COMMISSION

Commissioner Soth announced the 6th Annual Stand for Children Breakfast.

X. NEXT MEETING

Commissioner Batton stated the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26, at 5:00 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Rothenberg and seconded by Commissioner Perry to adjourn the April 28th Commission on Youth and Children meeting at 7:06 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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